

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Dear Dianne:

Thank you so much for your lovely card concerning my new appointment. It will indeed be a difficult assignment, but I will do the best I can. I am convinced of the essential nature of intelligence activity and the role it plays in helping protect this country from foreign harm. I also recognize our responsibility to safeguard the rights and privileges of American citizens. And, balancing these two things will be an interesting and challenging task for the future.

It was good to hear about your fine family. Angie joins me in sending much love to all of you.

All the best.

Faithfully yours,



E. H. Knoche

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